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# GARGOYLES

A  
BRONX  
TALE

Also:

ELISA'S  
LAMENT





MYSTIC ENERGY CRACKLES IN THE AIR AS TIME AND SPACE ARE MANIPULATED BY A MASTER MAGE.

HE IS NOWHERE AND EVERYWHERE AT ONCE. BEFORE HIM IS A STRANGE POOL... AND REFLECTING IN ITS WATERS, THE IMAGE OF THE...

MY ALCHEMICAL LIGHT REVEALS THE LOCATION OF MY GLASS.

**GARGOYLES**

THERE'S GOLMITH AND HURSON, THE PRESENT AND PAST LEADERS OF THE CLAN, BUT WHERE ARE THEIR COMPATRIOTS?

## INTO THE FUTURE

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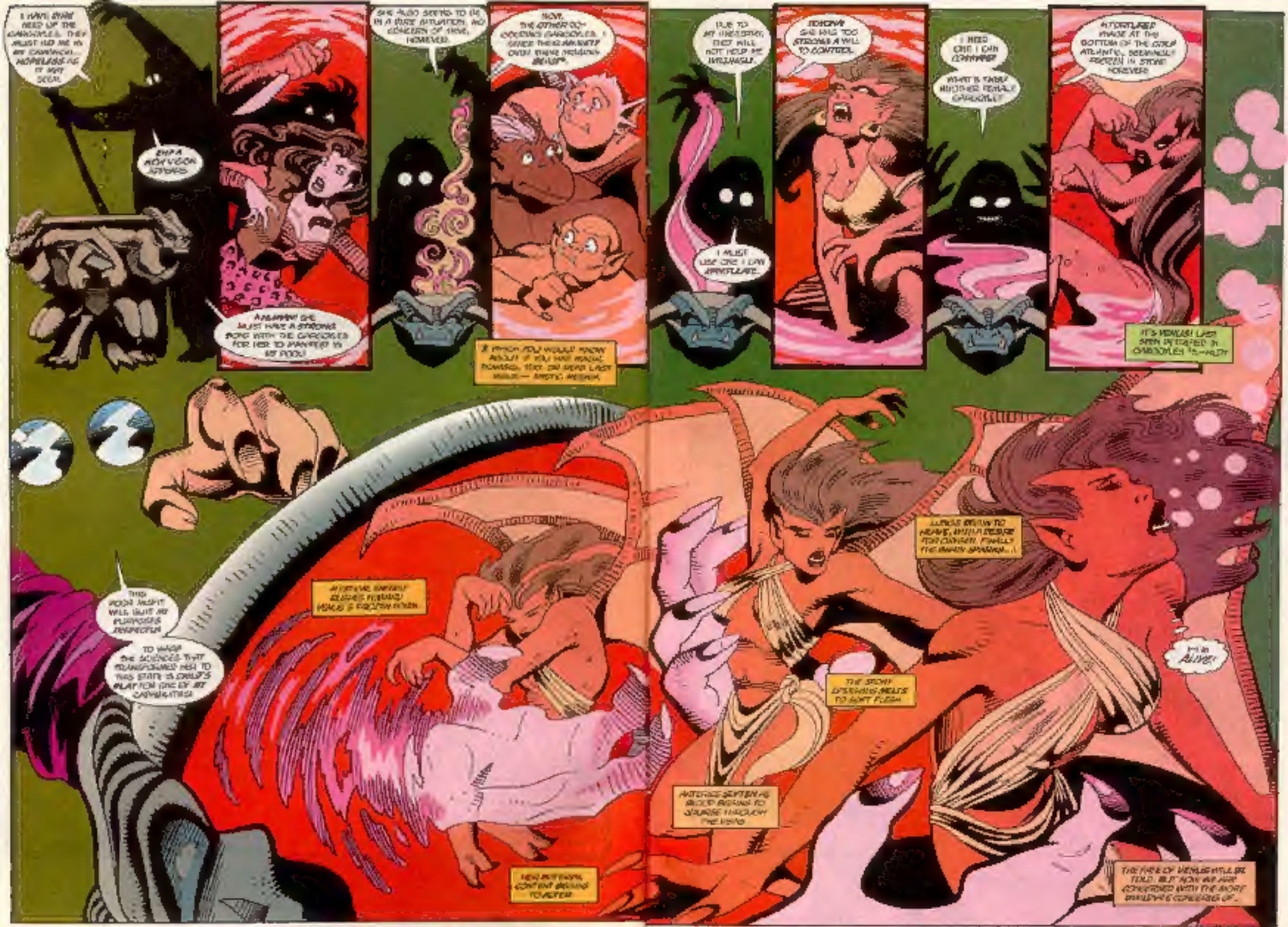
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I HAVE SHINE  
NEED UP THE  
CANNONBALL. THEY  
JUST HAD ME IN  
MY CANNONBALL  
HOPKINS AS  
IT MY DEAR

ENFA  
NOT VON  
STROD

ANALYST SHE  
JUST HAVE A STRONG  
POND WITH THE CANNONBALL  
FOR HER TO MANEAT IN  
MY POND

SHE ALSO SEEMED TO BE  
IN A PURE SITUATION, NO  
CONCERN OF THEM,  
HOWEVER

NOV,  
THE OTHER CO-  
COORDINATOR, I  
SINCE THERE HOLDING  
OVER THE HOLDING  
BEHOLD

IF WHICH YOU WOULD HAVE  
ABOUT IF YOU HAD HAD  
HOWEVER, THAT YOU HAD LAST  
MADE — ANOTHER MESSAGE

PLE TO  
MY INTEREST,  
SHE WILL  
NOT HELP ME  
INTEREST

I MUST  
USE ONE I CAN  
APPROPRIATE

INTEREST  
SHE HAS TOO  
STRONG A WILL  
TO CONTROL

I NEED  
ONE I CAN  
CONTROL  
WHAT IS THERE  
HOLDING REALLY  
CONCERN

AT FORTUNE  
PHASE AT THE  
BOTTOM OF THE CUP  
ATLANTIC, SEEMINGLY  
HOLDING IN STONE  
HOWEVER

IT'S HAD A LAST  
SPIN INTEREST IN  
CONCERN TO HOLD

THIS  
WAS NOT  
WILL BEAT  
PURPOSE  
REASON

TO HOLD  
THE SCIENCE THAT  
TRANSFORMED HER TO  
THIS STATE IS CRUEL  
PLAY FOR ONE OF MY  
CANNONBALLS

INTEREST, SHE  
WAS NOT  
HOLDING  
HOLDING

INTEREST, SHE  
WAS NOT  
HOLDING  
HOLDING

THE STONE  
HOLDING, SHE  
TO HOLD

INTEREST, SHE  
WAS NOT  
HOLDING  
HOLDING

INTEREST, SHE  
WAS NOT  
HOLDING  
HOLDING

THE FIRE OF VENUS WILL BE  
TOLD, BUT NOW WE ARE  
CONCERNED WITH THE MORE  
HOLDING CONCERN OF...

INTEREST



ELISA MAZA,  
DETECTIVE,  
N. Y. P. D.

ARRRGH!

SWISH

KRASH!

WELL, YOU  
WERE LOOKING FOR  
A KILLER, AND YOU  
FOUND HIM,  
GIRL.

POLICE!  
POLICE!

STAY RIGHT  
WHERE YOU ARE,  
WHERE I COME FROM,  
A GUY USUALLY  
TAKES A BLADE!

RRRRRRGGG!!

OH!

DAMN! HE'S  
QUICKER THAN  
HE LOOKS.

GUN OR  
NO GUN, YOU'RE  
GOING DOWN...  
DROP THE  
KNIFE!

NO! YOU'RE  
JUST LIKE THE  
REST.

ACK!!

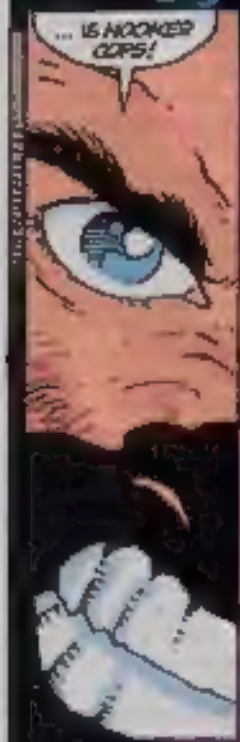
ALL  
RIGHT, YOU'LL  
DROP IT THE  
HARD WAY!





WHEEZER  
'SLIN' COP!  
THE ONLY  
THING I HATE  
MORE THAN  
HOOVER...

YOU'VE  
CAUSED ME A  
LOT OF GRIEF, FUZZY!  
MIGHT AS WELL GIVE  
IT UP, I'M TAKING  
YOU IN!



... IS HOOKER  
COPS!



CAN'T  
GET MY GUN  
IN TIME!



I DON'T KNOW  
HOW YOU TRACKED  
ME DOWN, BUT YOU AIN'T  
GONNA LOCK ME UP.  
I GOTTA BE  
FREE...



FREE  
TO KILL YOUR  
SQUAD...

THIS IS IT. MY PENTON  
GOT ME INTO THIS. IF  
ONLY I HAD ASKED FOR  
HELP. GULATH...  
HUNT...



... MY  
BROKEN NECK  
MUST REACH  
IT...









WOW, I'M  
GOING OVER THE  
EDGE. THIS CREEP  
HAS MY HEAD IN  
KNOTS!

NOW,  
YOU HAVE  
THE RIGHT TO  
REMAIN--

ANH, I  
KNOW MY RIGHTS,  
CHICKIE.

MY LIFE'S BEEN  
TURNED UPSIDE DOWN  
BY THIS CASE. I GOT MY  
DETECTIVE BADGE BY  
ARRESTING A SERIAL  
KILLER.

HE WAS  
CONVICTED ON CIRCUM-  
STANTIAL EVIDENCE, BUT  
THIS GUY SHOWS UP YEARS  
LATER WITH THE EXACT  
SAME M. O.

I'VE  
GOT TO  
KNOW THE  
TRUTH

THIS ISN'T  
YOUR FIRST  
KILLING SPREE  
HERE, IS IT?

NAH...

I WAS  
HERE, THREE, FOUR  
YEARS AGO. KILLIN' WITCHES  
WORKIN' THE STREETS.  
THEY'RE ALL EVIL... LIKE  
MY MOMMA.

WHEN THAT  
OTHER DUDE GOT  
NAILED FOR 'EM, I  
FIGURED IT WAS  
TIME TO MOVE  
ON...

I KNOW,  
YOU LOOK LIKE  
MY MOM...

WHAT A  
HEADACHE!

BUT MY  
WORST FEARS ARE  
TRUE. I ARRESTED  
THE WRONG MAN.  
I'VE RUINED HIS  
LIFE!

COULD THIS  
MEAN THE END OF  
MY CAREER AS A  
DETECTIVE?



ELSEWHERE, IN THE  
SUBWAY TUNNELS  
BELOW...

OH, MAN!  
BROW IS  
ONE GONE  
DOGGY!

WELL, WE  
BETTER FIND  
HIM! HE'S SURE  
TO CAUSE A  
RUCKUS IF HE  
CATCHES THAT  
TRAIN!

THIS IS  
ALL YOUR  
FAULT,  
LEO!

YOU  
WANTED TO BRING  
HIM DOWN TO THIS  
LABYRINTH!

YEAH, BUT  
EVEN YOU SAID IT  
WOULD BE GOOD  
FOR HIM!

ENOUGH  
BICKERING! IF WE  
DON'T FIND HIM,  
GOLIATH'LL  
KILL US...

**H-RONNK**

... IF THIS  
TRAIN DOESN'T  
DO IT FOR HIM  
RUN!

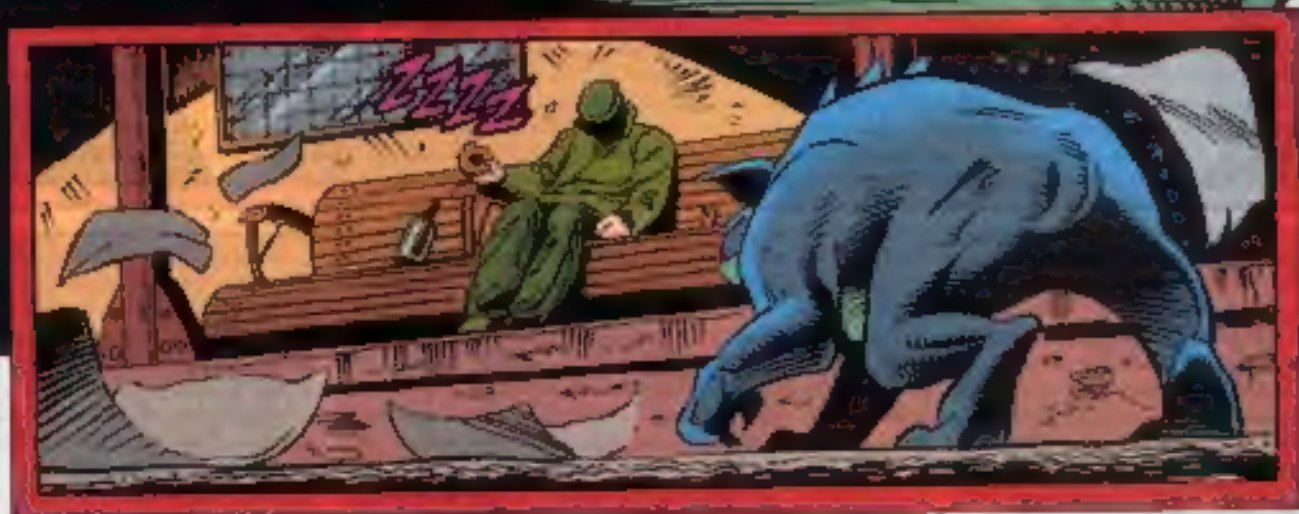
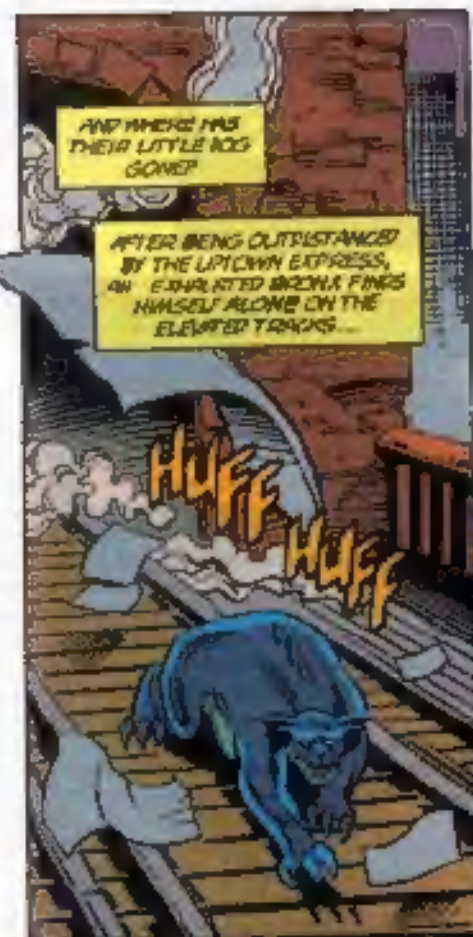
THE  
DRIVER'S HIT THE  
BRAKES...

... BUT  
THE TRAIN AIN'T  
STOPPIN'!

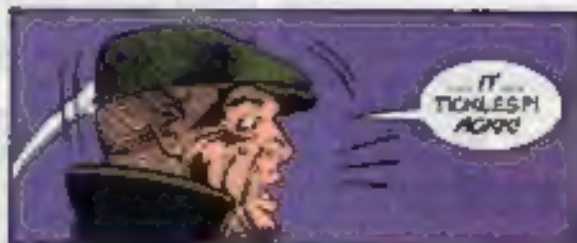
**GANGWAY!**

**SHREEEEEE**





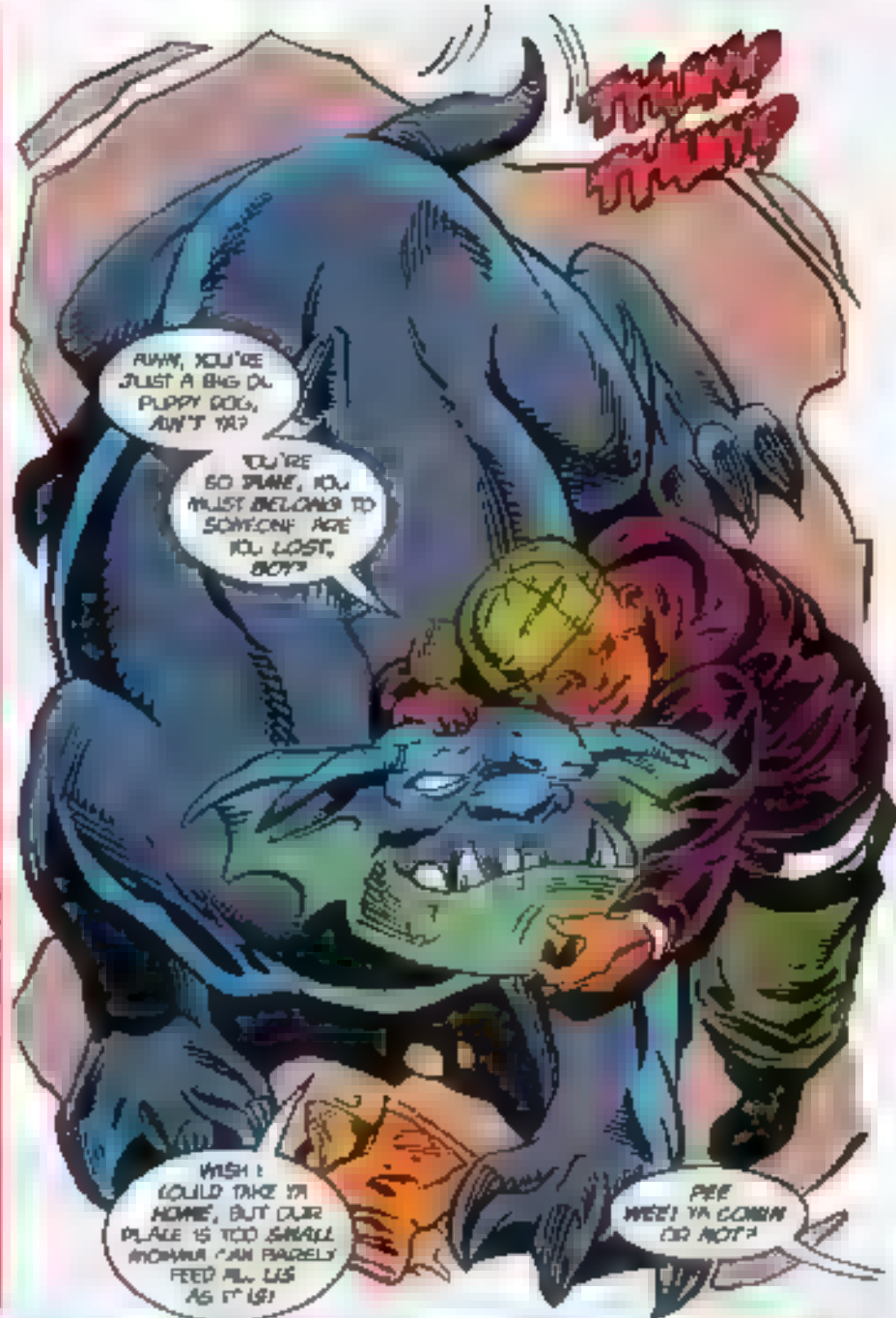
















MEANWHILE  
IN THE OFFICE  
OF CAPTAIN  
CHAVEZ

HAVE A SEAT,  
MA'AM. YOU'RE ANYONE  
WE INTERVIEW. YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO JUMP.  
ARE YOU?



NO, THAT  
WOULD BE TOO EASY.  
I'M GOING TO TAKE MY  
MEDICINE LIKE A  
GOOD GUY



YEAH?  
WELL, THAT'S  
YOU ALL  
OVER.

TELL ME  
ABOUT THE  
PSYCHO YOU JUST  
BROUGHT IN



I'M SUPPOSED TO BE SUCH A HOT-  
SHOT, BUT BLAME IT ON THIS  
GUY BROUGHT IN, NELSON CASTRO,  
IS THE ORIGINAL "ALLEY KILLER"  
FROM A FEW YEARS AGO



NOT NADIA  
JONES

THIS  
DOESN'T MAKE  
ME A HAPPY  
CAMPER,  
ELISA



WHY DID  
YOU DO THE  
STAKE-OUT  
AND BLIST  
SOLO?

MATT WAS  
ON SPECIAL ASSIG-  
NMENT PLUS, I HAD TO  
MAKE GOOD AFTER  
THE MURDERER'S  
ARREST



WHEN JONES WAS ARRESTED, CASTRO  
SKIPPED TOWN. I FOUND A STRING OF  
UNSOLVED MURDER CASES FROM ALL  
OVER THE COUNTRY THAT  
FIT HIS M.O.

SO  
WHAT'D HE  
RETURN?

HE SAID  
HE MISSED  
NEW YORK  
CITY

HE  
IS A NUT  
CASE!



CASTRO ADMITTED DETAILS THAT  
ONLY THE FIRST KILLER COULD  
KNOW AND THERE'S A MAN  
WHO'S SPENT YEARS IN  
JAIL FOR A CRIME HE  
DIDN'T COMMIT

AND FOR  
THE ARREST,  
MADE  
DETECTIVE

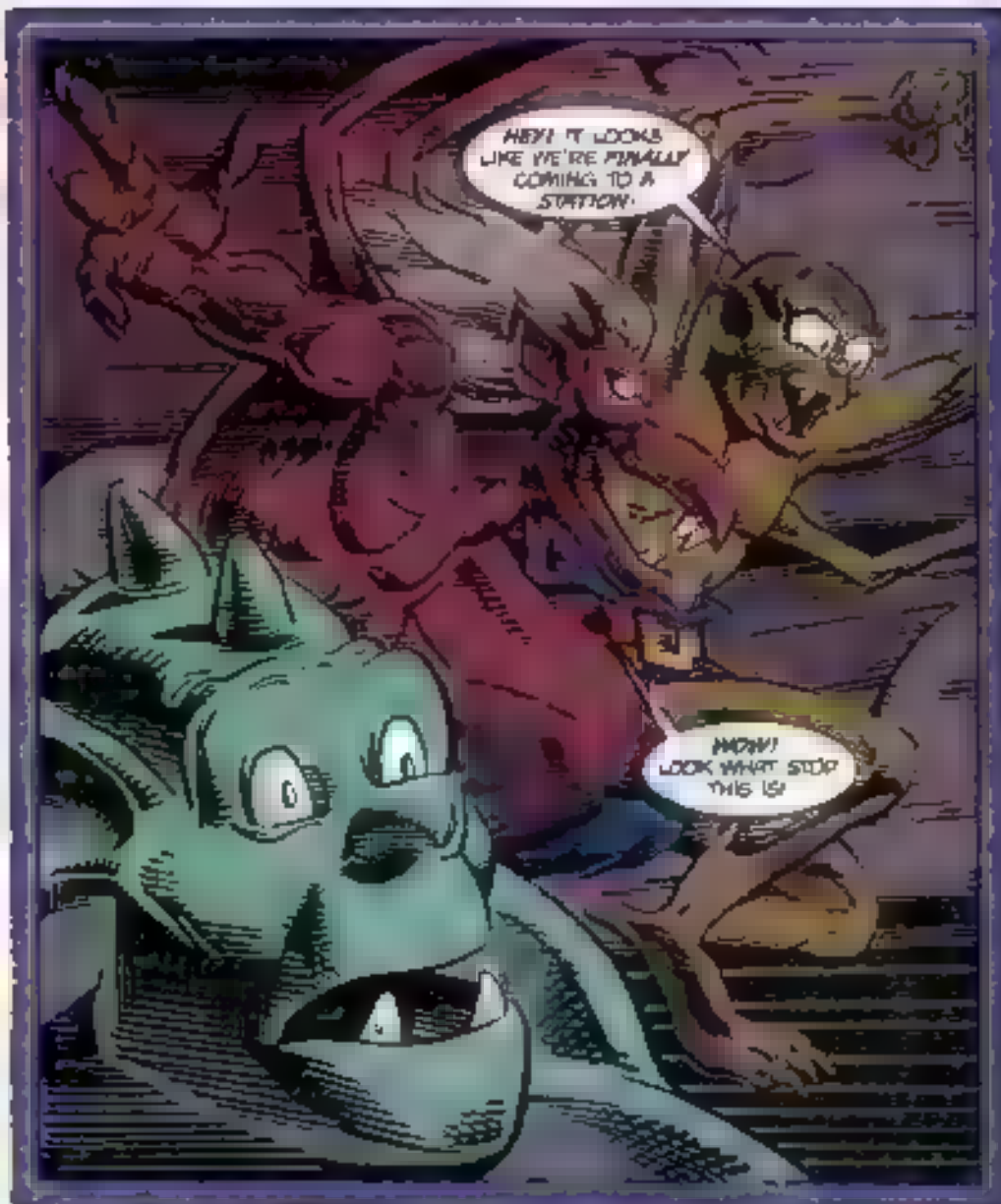


SO WHAT'S  
THE NEXT  
STEP?

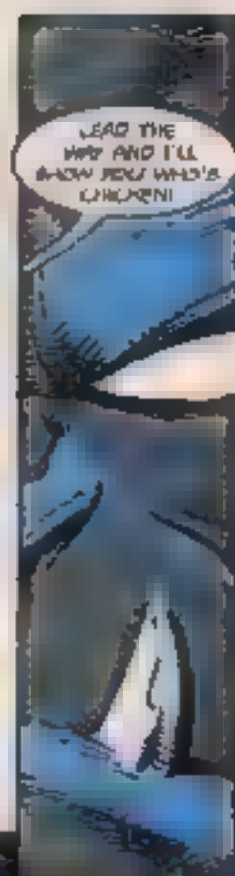




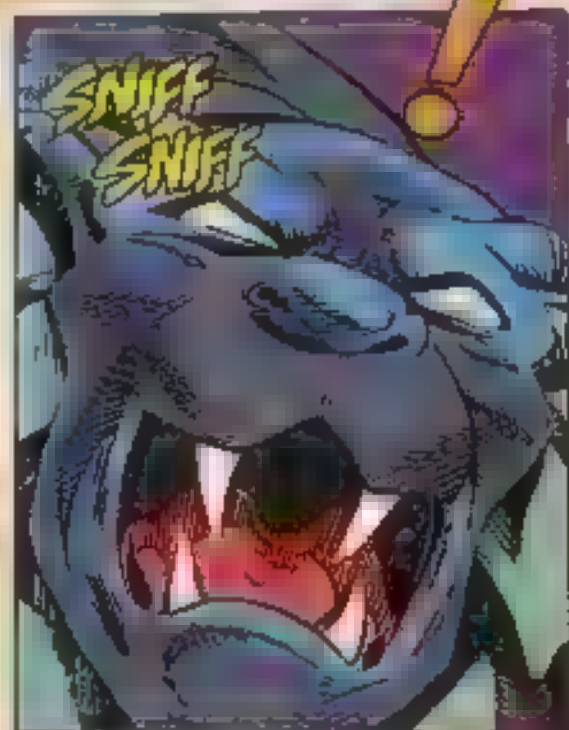
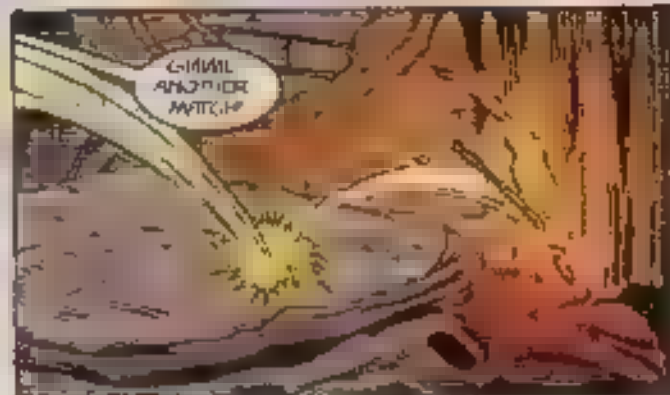














**SUNSHINE**

"I DON'T YOU  
GET PROCEEDED  
YOU HAVE A VISITOR  
IN THE WARDEN'S  
OFFICE"

"NO"

"YES, ME"

"WHAT CAN  
I SAY? I'M  
SORRY"

"WHY SO  
GULLY, JONES?  
YOU'LL BE OUTTA  
HERE IN A FEW  
HOURS"

"GODDAMN  
YOU'RE  
GODDAMN!"

"YOU HAVE NO  
IDEA OF WHAT I'VE BEEN  
THROUGH THE ONLY WOMAN I  
LOVED & KILLED GET THROWN  
IN HERE AND GO THROUGH THE  
MOST HELLISH ORIGINATIONS  
UNIMAGINABLE! AND  
FOR WHAT?"

"SO YOU  
CAN MAKE THE ARREST  
THAT MAKES YOU A  
DETECTIVE"

"HOLY YOU'VE HAD A  
GOOD  
COMFY LIFE ON THE OUTSIDE  
CAUSE ALL THE TIME YOU'VE  
SLEPT SUNSHINE I'VE BEEN  
GAGGED UP WITH LESS  
RYTHM THAN AN  
ANTHROPOMORPHIC!"

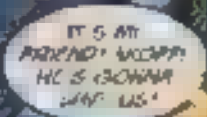
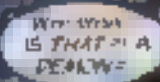
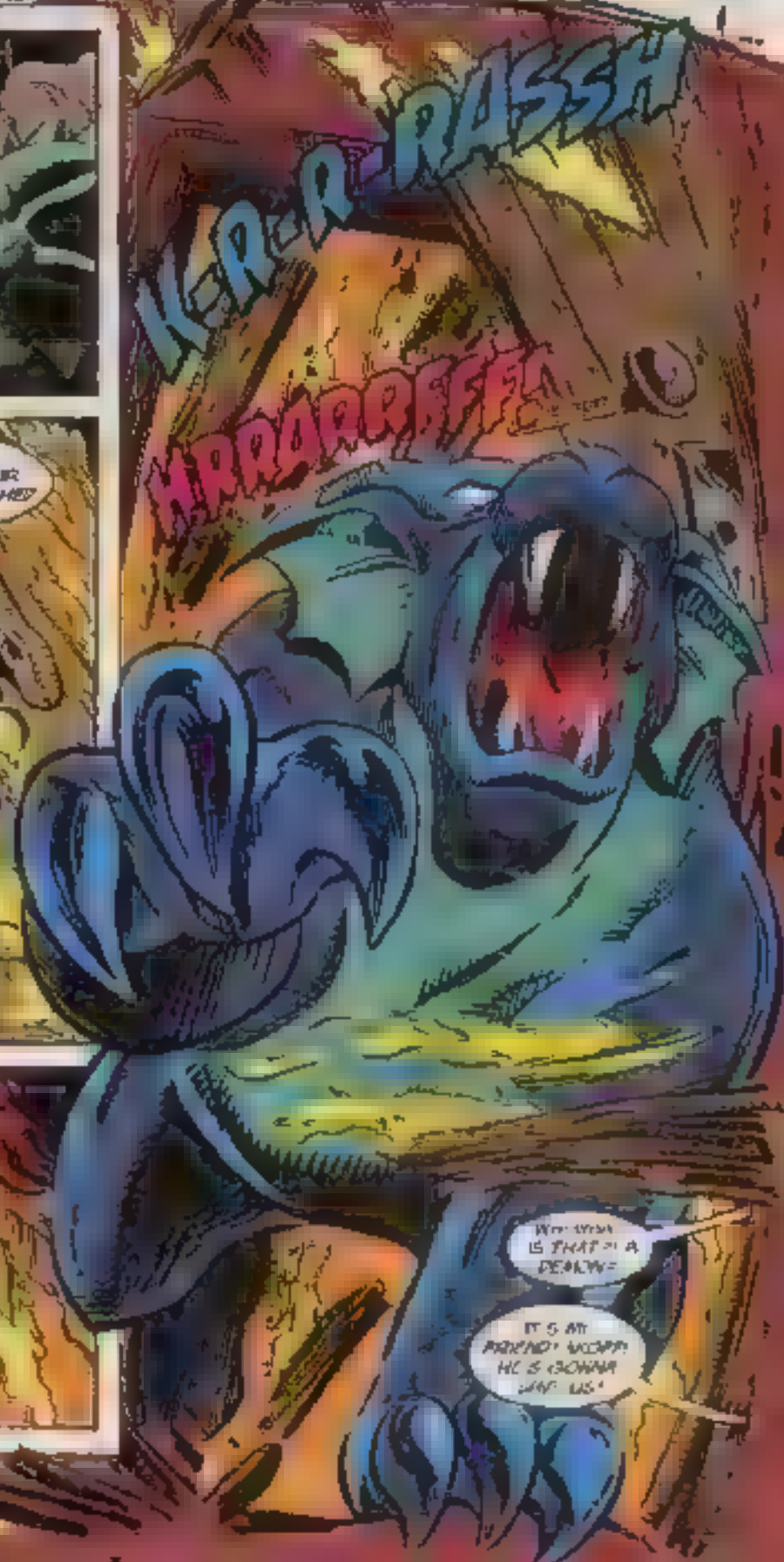
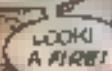
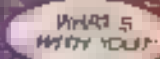
"DON'T WANT  
TO HEAR IT I'VE  
LOST YEARS I'VE NEVER  
GET BACK I'M CHAINED  
FOREVER LIFE WILL  
NEVER BE LIKE  
I WANT"

"AND I'S  
ALL YOUR FAULT  
BUT I'M LONG TO  
REBUILD MY SHATTERED  
LIFE AT GONKS TO  
LIVE LIFE TO THE  
FULLEST BUT  
YOU"

"YOU WILL HAVE TO LIVE  
WITH WHAT YOU DID TO ME  
FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!"

"I  
KNOW"















AND... AT THE  
CLOCK TOWER...

OH, GOLIATH,  
HOW COULD I HAVE  
SCREWED UP SO  
BADLY?

ELISA, A  
WISE WOMAN ONCE  
TOLD ME, JUST TWO  
NIGHTS AGO:

"THERE ARE  
JUST SOME THINGS  
THAT HAPPEN THAT YOU  
HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO  
CONTROL OVER AND CAN'T  
BE HELD RESPONS-  
SIBLE FOR."

JONES  
APPEARED TO BE  
THE MURDERER, AND  
A JURY BACKED  
YOU UP WITH A  
CONVICTION.

9-SSUE  
MID-  
MILKY

ULTIMATELY  
THE TRUTH CAME  
OUT.

AND IT IS  
BECAUSE OF YOU  
THAT A KILLER IS JAILED  
AND A WRONGED MAN  
CAN LIVE HIS LIFE AGAIN.  
YOU CAN'T BLAME  
YOURSELF.

ELISA! WE  
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU  
FOR AGES! HOW'S  
THINGS?

BETTER,  
NOW. IT'S GREAT  
TO SEE YOU  
GUYS!

IT'S ALMOST  
DAWN. WHAT HAVE  
YOU GUYS BEEN  
UP TO?

THANK  
YOU, GOLIATH. AS  
ALWAYS, YOU HELP  
ME PUT THINGS IN  
PERSPECTIVE.  
THINGS LIKE THIS I  
WISH WE—

HEY!

OH,  
WE'VE JUST  
BEEN WALKING  
AROUND  
BRONX!

RURRF!

NEXT: The DAY the SUN KISSED the EARTH!!





# WRITTEN IN STONE

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

HILLY MERNIK — Editor

Maybe Elisa could come on a police business trip to Alaska. The Gargoyles would follow of course. Our winter hours of darkness are 18 to 24 hours a day.

Till nightfall,  
Christy Smith  
Valdez, AK

Thanks for the foot-kissing, Christy. Sorry to hear you can't find Gargoyles on TV. Double-check your TV listings, they might just be on at a different time. As far as getting your GARGOYLE comics, may we suggest a subscription? It'll come to your address every month and it's cheaper than newsstand (especially when you have a 320 mile commute)! You'll find the form in this very issue!

As you may have noticed this issue, Venus will be back, thanks to massive reader demand. Wait'll you see what she's up to now! Also, the Gargoyles in Alaska is an excellent idea; however they may get a wee bit tuckered staying up 24 hours a day. Thanks for the idea!

Dear Written in Stone,

I really enjoy GARGOYLES. It's the best comic book I've seen and read. I've only got two so far, but trust me, I'll get some more. My favorite characters are Goliath and Brooklyn. The reason I like Goliath is because he is so down-to-earth and will do anything to stop Demona's evil habits. The reason I like Brooklyn is because he seems like a really fun guy. I mean Gargoyle, to be around. I think when Brooklyn gets together with Lexington and Broadway they act like mischievous teenagers. Kind of the way I act. I think Brooklyn looks cute. I can't wait till your next issue comes out.

Leketsha Files, 13  
Jacksonville, NC

Goliath is pretty down-to-earth (except when he's flying around). And in addition to Brooklyn's good looks, you'll discover very shortly his strong leadership qualities.

Dear Written in Stone,

I love your show and comics. I really like the one with Venus. Lexington, Broadway and Brooklyn are always together. Are they brothers? And why did Goliath want to kill Demona so bad in GARGOYLES #7?

John Haller  
Rosemount, MN

Lexington, Broadway and Brooklyn are "rookery brothers". They may have had different parents, but they were all hatched in the rookery at the same time and are of the same generation. Likewise, Goliath and Demona were birthed at the same time and are "rookery siblings". They have had a very tangled, love/hate relationship over the years and Goliath certainly didn't want to kill Demona in issue #7, as much as stop her twisted plans!

Dear Written in Stone,

Well, I've finally gotten around to writing you guys. First, let me tell you how much I love the comic ... and the TV series, the toys, the pogs, etc. You get the picture. Anyway, I just finished GARGOYLES #9 and it reminded me of some questions I had when I started watching the series. Like, what really happened to the eggs in the rookery? Xanatos told them that the eggs were gone, but then we all know Xanatos will lie, as well as do other evil things, to suit his own needs. Also, did any of the other Gargoyles escape their terrible fate a 1000 years ago? If so, where are they now? Well, that's all for now. Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. I would like to have my address printed so other Gargoyles fans can write to me.

Peggy Hob, 15  
82 Young, Apt. 1  
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Capreol, Ontario  
Canada P0M 1H0

Of course, we don't want to be spoilers and reveal ALL the secrets of the Gargoyles ... just yet. All we can say is that all your questions and those of our other readers will be revealed this season on the Gargoyles TV show and in these comic pages!

Dear Gargoyle Dudes,

Man, you guys are cool. How do you guys keep up with all the comics? Do you watch the Gargoyles to know about them? You guys must watch a lot of Gargoyles TV shows.

Zachary Goodwin, 10  
Flushing, MI

Editor Hilly Mernik works closely with Gargoyles TV producer Greg Weisman to assure that this comic ties in with the animated series. And funny you should ask, Zachary, because Hilly, her intern Amy Houston, and writer Mort Todd get together almost every day to watch the TV show. (Don't tell their bosses!)

Dear Hilly,

You should have an issue in which Amanda Conner and Grant Michm team up. I know that artwork can be a sacred thing to an artist, but collaborations can be worth it in the long run. Both Amanda and Grant have strengths and weaknesses; the two of them together make the comic stronger. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Give me Demona or give me death,  
Joana Contreras  
Phoenix, AZ

We're way ahead of you, Joana, as you've discovered with this issue's double artist jam! Nope Amanda and Grant fulfilled your wish!

Special thanks to Christy Marx!

To the Entire Gargoyle Clan,

I was beginning to think I was the only one out there that liked Demona and Xanatos. I usually prefer the good guys, and though I do like Goliath and his friends, Demona is my favorite Gargoyle. I would very much like to hear from other fans of the villains, or the clan in general.

I am 25-years-old and want to thank you for these wonderful additions to the tales of the Gargoyles. The comic is great and Demona is drawn excellently, and even looks more devilish than on TV. I haven't missed a single episode, comic and show alike. I would really like to be able to talk with others about this, so please feel free to write. And to everyone involved in the Gargoyles, thanks for something great to talk about.

Melissa Holtzclaw  
3157 E. Holladay #6  
Tucson, AZ 85706

You're welcome, Melissa! Demona is one of artist Amanda Conner's favorite Gargoyles to draw — and it shows! I think many readers will agree that Xanatos and Demona are villains that everyone loves to hate!

Dear Gargoyles,

I just found GARGOYLES #7 and bought it, plus #8 and #9 when they came out. Now I'm looking for #1-6. My favorite Gargoyle is Goliath. My mom, 38, and my dad, 36, and my brother Roger, 7, love the show and steal my comics! Keep up the good work.

Adam St. John, 13  
Holland Centre, Ontario

It's been pretty tough for our readers to find back issues, Adam. We suggest trying your local comic book shop or visit a comic book convention that comes to your town. Hey, Gargoyles fans, any of you find a place with GARGOYLES back issues?

Dear Written in Stone,

At this moment, I am now kissing your feet! Thank you so much for the GARGOYLES comics. After moving to Alaska, to my great horror, there was no Gargoyles TV show! I never missed a show while in Mississippi. I now sometimes have to travel 320 miles to get the new comic; ours is late at times. I really liked Venus, maybe she could return in a future issue. I used to wonder what a daughter of Goliath and Elisa would look like.